Dr. Martin Luther's PROPHECIES OF THE DESTRUCTION OF ROME, AND THE DOVVNFALL OF THE Romish Religion.

And how the Papists for Treachery and Hypocrisie shall at last become hated, and contemned by all Nations,

Here are likewise some of the eminent Propheeies of that most Learned *Mathematician* and Prophet *Michael Nostredamus*, concerning *England* and *France*, and those strange occurences which are likely to happen to both those Countries in these Latter dayes, with an Account of some of the Prophecies of *Michael Nostredamus* which have been fulfilled here in *England* already.

Luther's Motto Writ by himself.

Pestis eram vivens, moriens ero Mors tua Papa.

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TO waste much time in the needless Commendation of that learned, and Pious *Reformer*, Dr. **Martin Luther**, would be as great an Impertinence as that of the young *Rhetorician's*, who spent three hours in an elaborate Declamation on the refulgency of the glorious Sun-beames. They are both so apparent to any Rational or *Inquisitive* Creature, that it would be but a Tautologie to applaud them; we daily enjoy the inestimable benefit of either: for as the one delivered us from that uncomfortable darkness which first brooded on the Primitive Chaos and hatcht nothing but Confusion; so the other like a Friendly Pil'ar of *Divine Light*, kindly conducted us out of those *Dangerous* paths of *Superstition*, and *Idolatry*, which would have led us into everlasting Destruction.

But if after all those mighty obligations he has done all the Reformed Churches in *Europe*, there should any one yet remain brutishly ignorant of his Virtues and Indowments, I shall in a word acquaint them who this *Luther* was.

1. It was he who (if I may speak it with reverence) like our *Saviour* had the honour to be propheſied of before he was born; and this even the *Romans* themselves cannot deny since their own Historics acquaint us that one *John Hilton* a person they themselves held in great veneration for piety and gift of Prophecies, wrote those almost a hundred years before *Luther* had declared himself against the Church of *Rome*, *Much about the year* 1516. *the* **Mysterie of Ungodliness** *shall begin to be discovered, and the Son of Righteousness shine forth in the Truth of the* **Gospel**, *and Popery shal in* **Germany**, *and other parts of the World then receive a Sudden* Declension. This

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Prophecie was certainly fulfilled by *Luther* who appeard at that time against *Rome*, and in spite all of her then domineering Tyranny gave her a greater blow than ever she received either before or since.

2. It was he of whom the Martyr *John Hus* on that day he suffered at *Constance* said; *You now roast a Goose* (for so *Hus* signifies) *but one hundred years hence you shall hear a Swan sing whom you shall not be able neither to roast, nor overcome.*

3. It was he who was graced with the honourable title o *Master of Arts* at twenty years of Age. 'Twas he who whilest he was perusing certain books in the *Library* of the Colledge of *Orphord* happened to meet with a Copy of the Latin Bible, which he never had seen before, and haveing to his great admiration observed there were more *Evangelical* and *Apostolical* Texts in it than were suffered to be read openly in Churches, he thereupon set himself to the Translating of the five Books of *Moses*, and afterwards finished both them and the remainder of the Old and the New Testament which was by some *Popish* Bishops and Priests forbid to be read to the People. In fine, it was Dr. *M. Luther* whom God in his infinite wisdom raised, and furnished with a sufficient portion of Care, Courage and Learning to Inspect and Detect the damnable *Superstition* and *Idolatry* of the Church of *Rome* which he resolutely performed, notwithstanding all the Threats and Dangers he knew he was to go through if he persisted in so doing. And lastly it was he to whom *Germany*, *Denmark*, *Bohemia* and most of the Protestant Churches in the world are in a great measure beholding for their glorious Reformation.

Thus much I thought fit to premise, that the most scrupulous Reader may less wonder that the Almighty should entrust this worthy Champion of the now Reformed Religion with the Spirit of Prophecie which he was pleased to exercise on himself, saying some weeks before he dyed, *when I return to* Wittenberg, *I will be lodged in a Coffin, and will render to the worms a fat* Luther *to feed on*; and so it fell out, for within two dayes after he came thither he dyed; but a little before his Expiration call'd for Pen and Ink, and wrote this following Verse,

Pestis eram vivens, moriens ero mors tua Papa.

Which *Melanthon*, one of his dear Friends, taking as a prophetick rapture, turned into a Distick of the same meaning: Thus,

Qui fuit dum vixit tua pestis (Papa) Lutherus,
Hic tibi causa, sua funere, mortis erit.

Both of which may be thus paraphrastically turned into English:

As **Luther** *Living was* **Romes** *plague, so shall*
Her Fall be caus'd by his mourn'd Funeral.

But long before this *Luther* was observ'd by all the Students at *Wittemberg* to be indowed with the spirit of Prophecie which he frequently committed to posterity, the greatest part of which were in presaging the Dissolution of those two grand temporal enemies of truth and Religion, the *Turk* and the *Pope*.

Concerning the later of which, in *Luther Colloq. p.* 328. he thus prophesieth, *The* **Pope** *must fall and Popery with him since it is downright Blasphemy to hold as he does*, viz. *that the final cause of the Institution of Humane Tradition, is the true Service and worship of God: and that it is necessary to salvation, contrary to that of St.* Paul, *If either we or an Angel from Heaven preach any other* Doctrine *to you than what we have preached let him be accursed.*

In another Prophecie *Luther* thus inferreth the *Popes* Downfall. *Idem pag.* 312. **Antichrist**, sayes he, *must fall and it plainly appears that the* **Pope** *is the true* **Antichrist** *because those that transgress his* Degrees *or violate his Statutes are far more rigorously and severely punished than those who offend the Laws of God, which is a palpable exalting of himself above the Almighty, and therefore he it must properly called* **Antichrist** &c.

Again sayes *Luther*, the *Pope* must and shall fall by reason the blindness of the Popelins is so great and horrible that they hold the Reconciliation of the Living (which though they pretend is a Sacrifice) yet all their Canonists, School-Divines and Pulpit preachers utterly disaprove it.

And in another place he predicts the *Papal* overthow thus, The *Pope* sayes he, must fall, for that like a right Jew he boasteth to enjoy by Christ a Temporal kingdom, he alone will

will have all the Power, and Authority, he will rule and Determin all Councils, and incroach upon them under the name of Christ. If one should have deflowred the Virgin Mary, or Crucified Christ, yet the *Pope* for money would undertake to pardon and forgive the same. Therefore his Dominion is but short and will be brought to ruine according to the time signified by the number of the Beast, in the thirteenth of the *Revelations*. *Page* 306.

Again saith he, Popedom must fall, for that it hath been alwayes managed by wicked persons and correspondent to the impiety of their Doctrine: for as the Creator is in this case, such must be the Creature. Pope *Alexander* was a *Moran*, that is a Baptized Jew, he believed nothing at all; he had a Concubine called *Lucretia* to whom he after espoused his own Son. The *Pope* that succeded him was so great an Enemy to him, that he caused all the Windows, Gates, Doors, &c. whereon his name or Armes were fixed, to be demolished or pulled down. When *God* speaketh the word, [*Rome* be destroy'd and lye in Ashes; *Pope* come down from your Throne,] the word of God will be obeyed and must be immediately brought to pass: L. *Colloqu.* 32.

Pride, againe saith *Luther*, must undoubtedly have a fall, and consequently so must the *Pope*.

Another of his remarkable prophecies to the same purpose is exprest (in *Lu.* time *p.* 314.) to this effect. The *Pope* and his accomplices presuming on their great power that they shall never fall, do thereby hasten their fall; and God will overthrow him, and that suddenly if our own Securenes and contempt of Gods word does not hinder it: Let us pray therefore that the same misfortunes they designs, may light on their own heads: they have burned, Hanged, Drowned and Banished those that were amongst us, they will in no wise be recalled from their devilish practises.

To conclude, we have great hopes these Prophecies of *Luther* may accordingly come to pass, as well as some others of his prediction have been accomplished already (though upon other occasions) as plainly appears in his *Tom.* 2. *Epist. p.* 10. & 27. where he foretold the Combustion which a rose in

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Germany: as likewise the Death of *Frederick* Elector of *Saxony*, *Tom.* 2. *Epist. p.* 10. he also in the same Book prophesied the Dearth or Famine which hapned in *Germany* according to his prediction. And now I shall detain you no longer about this Excellent person, but only present you with a small Manuscript written by his own hand, and not unproperly called,

The Generation of Theological Corruption; or a Pedigree of Popish Principles. By Dr. *M. Luther.*

THe Devil begat Darkness, Darkness begat Ignorance, Ignorance begat Errour and his Brethren; Errour begat Free-will and presumption, out of self conceit; Free will begat Merit, Merit begat Forgetfulness of God, Forgetfulness of God begat Transgression, Transgression begat superstition, superstition begat Satisfaction, Satisfaction begat Oblation of the Mas, the Oblation of the Mass begat Unction, Unction begat the Priest, the Priest begat Mischief, Mischief begat Misbelief, Misbelief begat Hypocrisie, Hypocrisie begat Trading with Offerings for gain, Trading begat Purgatory, Purgatory begat yearly solemn Vigils, yearly Vigils, begat Church Livings, Church Livings begat Mammon, Mammon begat Superfluity, Superfluity begat Excess; Excess begat Rage, Rage begat Licentiousness, Licentiousness begat Dominion, Dominion begat Pomp, Pomp begat Ambition, Ambition begat Simony, Simony begat the Pope and his Brethren; the Pope begat the Mysterie of Iniquity, the Mistery of Iniquity begat Sophistical Divinity, Sophistical Divinity begat Rejecting of the Holy Scriptures, the Rejecting of the Holy Scriptures begat Tyrany, Tyranny begat murdering of saints, Murdering of saints begat Abomination, Abomination begat Desolation, Desolation begat Anguish, Anguish begat Questioning, Questioning begat the searching out the Grounds of Truth; out of which the Pope, called Antichrist, is Revealed. Ex Luthers Prophecies pag. 12.

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I Shall now according to my Title, give you a brife account of *Mich. Nſtredamans*, and then preſent you with ſome of his Prophecies which particularly concern *England* and *France*.

He was Born in St. *Remy* a Town in *Province* on the fourteenth of *Decemb*, 1503. he was bred up in all the Learning in *France*, and haveing betaken himſelf to the ſtudy of phyſick, grew ſo excellent therein, that at laſt he became Phyſitian to three ſucceſſive Kings of that Countrey. I ſhall give my ſelf the leſs trouble to demonſtrate to the Reader that this learned perſon was endowed with the ſpirit of Prophecie, becauſe I could inſtance above a thouſand prophecies of his which have already come to paſs: but before I give you one or two which concerned our Nation as an Inſtances I ſhall give you the Judgement of one of the greateſt wits in our laſt age who in brief ſayes thus.

God Almighty has choſen out *Mich. Noſtredamus* to impart to the world many prodigious and extraordinary things which ſhall happen for the Future: againe ſayes he next the *Apoſtles*, and Canonical *Prophets*, *Noſtredamus* is to be preferred before any other in theſe four things, *viz.* in the Certainty, the infallibility, in the Generality and quantity of his predictions, of which here's an example, written as he did all his other, in old Law French, of which ſhall only give the beginning, and then ſet you down the Engliſh of them.

Trente de Londres ſecret ———

Engliſhed thus,

Thirty of London *ſhall conſpire againſt the* King;
The plot ſhall be made on London-*Bridge*.

What could appear more perfect in number, place and ſubſtance, to any one that can remember the plotters againſt King *Charles* the Firſt of bleſſed Memory, whoſe Conſpiracy was contrived at the Bear on the Bridge foot this he foretold almoſt a hundred years before it came to paſs: he alſo pophesied that a King of *England* ſhould appear on a Scaffold without his Doublet; that he ſhould be taken off; and that in

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the place where he was to be beheaded, another had been killed three dayes before; all which Circumstances were sadly made true by the Lamented Catastrophe of that most Pious Monarch and Martyr.

I shall now proceed to those prophecies which as yet are unaccomplished, *Pag.* 23 1. 5. —— *A quarante huit degrés &c. At the Clymacterical year of* 8. & 40. *at the end of* Cancer, *shall be such a Drought that the Fish in the water shall be boyled to a Consumption; Bearn and* Bigorre, *by heavenly Fire shall be in distress.*

I shall say no more but that *Bearn* and Bigorre, are two Provinces in *France*, of the rest let the Reader judge.

Another,

Paix uberté long temps on ne loüera, &c.

Thus Englished,

Peace and plenty shall not long be praised; before the end of his Reign the Flower de Luce *shall be Deserted, bodyes shall die by water, Earth shall be brought, but therein they shall not be buried.*

By Flower de Luce is meant *France*, expound the rest your selves. *proph.* 82. *pag.* 141. *de Nostredamus.*

But afterwards he ends his tenth Century, *pag.* 444. with this prophecie concerning the future Welfare of *England.*

Le grand Empire sera per L' Angleterre, &c.
England at last the Worlds Empire shall be
And so shall remain for three Hundred and three,
Great Armies shall pass both through Land and through Sea.
To which the proud Spainard *shall Strike and give way.*

THE END.